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HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
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To: Pharmacists
Managed Care Plans

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For further information, go to:
<http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/pharmacy/>

Subject: Prescription Drug Program: Payment for Flu and Pneumonia Vaccine Administrations

Retroactive to dates of service on and after October 1, 2005, pharmacists who administer a flu or pneumonia vaccine to eligible clients may bill the Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) for an administration charge as detailed in this memorandum.

When will HRSA pay pharmacists for administering immunizations?

To be paid for administering immunizations to medical assistance clients, pharmacists must have an immunization collaborative practice protocol on file with the Board of Pharmacy.

How do I bill HRSA for a vaccine administration?

Bill HRSA for the flu or pneumonia vaccine administration using one of the appropriate HCPCS codes:

HCPCS Code	Description	Maximum Allowable Fee	Limitations
G0008	Administration of influenza virus vaccine	\$11.13	Limited to one per client, per flu season
G0009	Administration of pneumococcal vaccine	\$11.13	Limited to one per client, per flu season

HCPCS codes G0008 and G0009 (administration codes) are only paid in place of service 01 (pharmacy).

Bill HRSA for the vaccine administration using only an approved, professional services claim form (e.g., paper HCFA-1500; or electronic 837-P claim form). Vaccine administrations **cannot** be billed through the pharmacy Point-of-Sale (POS) system. Details for billing HRSA electronically using the WAMedWeb can be found at:

<https://wamedweb.acs-inc.com/wa/general/home.do>



Please note: When billing on the HCFA-1500 claim form, use the 7-digit DSHS pharmacy provider number—*do not* use the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) number. Continue to bill the flu vaccine or pneumonia vaccine itself through the POS system using the National Drug Code (NDC).



Note: HRSA *does not* pay for drugs obtained at no charge from the Department of Health (DOH) through the Vaccines for Children Program.

How do I conduct business electronically with Washington State Medicaid?

For information on how to conduct business electronically with Washington State Medicaid, go to: <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>.

How can I obtain HRSA's provider documents?

To obtain HRSA's provider numbered memoranda and billing instructions, go to HRSA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (click on the ***Billing Instructions/Numbered Memoranda or Provider Publications/Fee Schedules link***).

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